

This brief contains information organized by state, and event, and color coded by response

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All Updates and New information are new as of the last brief dated 5/4/11.

UPDATE NCCC Situation Update (as of 5/10/2011)

- 21 teams (180 members) deployed in response to recent disasters throughout Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.
- Alabama – 12 teams, Mississippi – 6 teams, Tennessee – 3 teams.

ALABAMA

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Tornados-April 27th

UPDATE Situation Update (as of 5/9/2011) from the Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

- The Alabama Commission has been activated at Level 1 at the State Emergency Operations Center has been since April 27, 2011. On Monday May 9, 2011 operations began to transition to the Joint Field Office in Birmingham. Additionally the Commission is:
 - Coordinating VRC (VRCs listed at www.ServeAlabama.gov) coverage for the State in partnership with the Alabama Voluntary Agencies Active in Disasters and the Hands On Network.
 - Expected to provide coverage to the 27 Disaster Recovery Centers which are located throughout the affected areas.
 - Participating on the joint state/federal housing task force as housing Volunteer Florida staff are supporting the Joint Field Office (Birmingham) working with GFBCI staff on VRC support and transition planning to Long Term Recovery.
- Serve Louisiana staff are working in the field - Hackleburg, Alabama - assessing VRC and donations management for Northwest Alabama (returning to LA 5/12)
- Volunteer Florida and Serve Louisiana have provided consultation and materials to support the AL Commission inventory in some affected areas is almost non-existent.

Volunteers can register at 211 or by visiting www.ServeAlabama.gov

Preliminary figures from just a few of the VRCs who registered volunteers Saturday (these are single day figures) :

3,000 - Tuscaloosa

1,100 - Hackleburg (pop of 1,500 pre-storm)

900 - Huntsville

Donations can be made by visiting www.ServeAlabama.gov (the Commission utilizes Aidmatrix (the National Donations Management System).

Commission is working closely with ALVOAD and FEMA to open a multi-agency warehouse.

NEW Volunteer and Information Center VISTA

Friday April 29, 2011

- The Volunteer and Information Center VISTA project deployed 4 staff and 1 AmeriCorps VISTA member to set up and coordinate a VRC for the Cullman County area. 2,341 volunteers have been registered, safety trained and dispatched into the affected area.
- VIC staff and the AmeriCorps VISTA member trained the United Way staff in Cullman and volunteers to run and manage the VRC after the project left on Sunday evening. The sponsor worked closely with the Cullman County EMA director and Cullman City officials to identify needs and coordinate volunteer service of the thousands of (SUV's) Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers who arrived wanting to help.
- A total of 13,944 volunteer hours were provided in Cullman County from noon April 29th until 6pm on Sunday.

NEW Volunteer and Information Center AmeriCorps*VISTA

Thursday, April 28

- 5 staff and 2 AmeriCorps VISTA members were deployed to Elmore County, AL. Staff and VISTA members set-up the Volunteer Reception Center.
- 527 volunteers were registered, provided safety training and deployed into the affected area. A total of 2,108 volunteer hours were provided by spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers in the Elmore County disaster response effort from 12 Noon until 5pm on April 28.

NEW United Way of Central Alabama/Hands On Birmingham AmeriCorps*VISTA

Birmingham, AL

- The sponsor is managing the 2-1-1 call center in Birmingham, AL. A total of 5,000 calls are reported by Call Specialists into the 2-1-1 system daily.
- The United Way of Central Alabama VISTA sponsor in Birmingham, AL and Media General Inc. teamed up in a 22 hour telethon Wednesday, May 4 to raise money for victims of the deadly Alabama tornados. A total of \$700,000+ dollars were raised during the telethon.

NEW Hale Empowerment Revitalization Organization AmeriCorps*VISTA

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The AmeriCorps sponsor is coordinating relief efforts in the affected communities of Hale County, Alabama where 32 homes were destroyed, 16 receiving severe damage and 6 fatalities are reported. VISTA members had had an incredible impact in coordinating relief efforts

NEW Calhoun County RSVP

Jacksonville, Alabama

- The Calhoun County RSVP has opened a Volunteer Reception Center in the Ohatchee Alabama City Hall.
- RSVP volunteers are supporting relief efforts with distribution of supplies and feeding. The RSVP Volunteers have registered 700+ volunteers and have supported over 300 tornado victims.

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NEW Etowah County RSVP

Etowah County RSVP is working closely with the Etowah County VOAD in coordinating volunteers and donations in the aftermath of this deadly disaster.

NEW National Preparedness & Response Corps

NPRC host sites have deployed members to support American Red Cross efforts in the wake of tornadoes and flooding in the southern and central states:

- New York has deployed four members to Alabama
 - Philadelphia has deployed two members to drive their Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) to Alabama
 - Chicago has deployed two members to Alabama to support feeding operations.
 - Springfield has deployed one member to drive the ERV from the Peoria, IL chapter to Alabama, and another member to work support shelter operations there, as well.
 - San Francisco has deployed two members to support the Safe and Well disaster survivor location program in Alabama.
 - New Orleans has deployed all five of their members to both Alabama and Mississippi to support a variety of Red Cross efforts in those states.
 - Santa Barbara has sent one member to Alabama to do casework.
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NEW NCCC Atlantic Region and Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Hands On Disaster Services and Tuscaloosa Volunteer Reception Center

Tuscaloosa, AL

Deployed Thursday, May 5, 2011

- Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams from the Atlantic Region have been deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL teams to help support the Tuscaloosa Volunteer Reception Center and run a donations warehouse.
 - The NCCC teams will be partnering with Hands On and housed at the NCCC Logistics Center at Moundville, AL. The teams have been rotating their work between the VRC, assessments and some debris removal. On Tuesday, May 10th, they officially took control of the VRC in Tuscaloosa.
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Pending NCCC and United Saints

Tuscaloosa, AL

Pending request for 2 NCCC teams to support United Saints with debris removal and donations management.

Pending Atlantic Region NCCC and Temporary Emergency Services

Tuscaloosa, AL

To be deployed: May 16, 2011

Four AmeriCorps NCCC Teams will be deployed to work with Temporary Emergency Services on organizing donations, loading and unloading trucks, client assistance, clerical duties, and other general disaster relief tasks.

RSVP of Athens-Limestone County, Alabama

Situation Update (as of 5/2/2011)

The south end of Limestone County received major damage and the East Limestone area was destroyed. There were four deaths and miles of damage to property owners

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and businesses. VOAD/RSVP volunteers were activated by Emergency Management Agency on 4/28/2011. 25 volunteers operated the Volunteer Reception Center serving a total of 140 hours and 1100 spontaneous volunteers were deployed in Limestone County.

NCCC Southern Region and Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization (HERO) Greensboro, AL (outside Tuscaloosa)

Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 7 members began work Tuesday with Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization (HERO) in Greensboro, AL (about 45 minutes from Tuscaloosa). The team is doing debris removal, minor home repairs and distribution of emergency supplies in communities impacted by the April 27 tornadoes.

NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT Madison, AL

Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 9 members has been deployed to Madison, AL, to conduct feeding operations and supply distribution with CitiIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry.

NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT Madison, AL

Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 8 members has been deployed to Madison, AL, to conduct feeding operations, supply distribution, and other necessary tasks, with CitiIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry.

NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT Tuscaloosa, AL

Deployed: Wednesday, May 4, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 11 members has been deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL, to conduct debris removal, supply distribution, and other necessary tasks, with CitiIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry.

NCCC Southern Region and United Saints Recovery Project Tuscaloosa, AL

Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 7 members will begin work on volunteer coordination, supply distribution, home repairs, and other necessary tasks.

NCCC Southern Region and United Saints Recovery Project Tuscaloosa, AL

Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 7 members will begin work on volunteer coordination, supply distribution, home repairs, and other necessary tasks.

NCCC Southern Region and Bay Area Food Bank Theodore, AL

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Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 9 members is working on food donation management in Theodore, Alabama.

NCCC Southern Region and CitilIMPACT Tuscaloosa, AL

Deployed: Monday, May 2, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 7 members has been deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL, to conduct debris removal and supply distribution with CitilIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry. All members of this team are chainsaw trained and will be using chainsaws.

NCCC Southern Region Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, AL

Deployed: Friday, April 29, 2011

Two members of an AmeriCorps NCCC team (currently working in Birmingham) traveled to Tuscaloosa Friday, April 29, 2011 to conduct outreach with disaster officials from various agencies and nonprofits. They spoke with numerous officials and shared NCCC's disaster-request protocol. Also, the team will be assisting with feeding operations for affected communities in the Birmingham area this weekend, as an ISP.

Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)

An AmeriCorps member serving in the Prevent. Prepare. Respond. - American Red Cross-Louisville Chapter, deployed for Alabama yesterday in an Emergency Communication Response Vehicle (ECRV). The ECRV is used to help disaster victims communicate with family/friends as well and has the capability of airing live via CNN and/or local airwaves.

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Tornados

NCCC Southwest Region Fayetteville, AR

Deployed: April 27, 2011

A NCCC Southwest Region team was deployed to Devil's Den State Park near Fayetteville on April 27, 2011 for 3-4 days of storm cleanup. This about 2.5 hours from Pinnacle. The location may change if a higher need arises. The team plans to end its assignment on Thursday, May 5, 2011.

GEORGIA

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Tornados-April 27th

UPDATE Situation Update (As of May 5, 2011) from Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism Executive Director, John Turner

Corporation for National and Community Service Disaster Deployment Activity

The devastating tornadoes that struck Georgia last week have created tremendous needs for many communities and thousands of our citizens in impacted areas of our state. I want to give you a brief update on our efforts at the Georgia Commission to contribute to the massive recovery effort that is just now gearing up.

Disaster Recovery Centers have been opened in 13 Georgia counties. These centers will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. seven days a week for the foreseeable future to assist storm victims with needed services and other forms of help. GCSV staff will be at many of these centers to handle both the Department of Community Affairs responsibilities of assisting with housing and to make contacts in the impacted communities and learn about the needs for future recovery projects and other ways our commission can help.

Part of our task at the Disaster Recovery Centers will be to explore the possibilities of bringing NCCC AmeriCorps teams to Georgia for extended disaster recovery projects as soon as possible. We will also begin collecting information that will help us develop long term recovery projects that can address the needs of the communities in the next weeks and months.

Also, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) is preparing to open eight Volunteer Reception Centers in impacted counties this Saturday, and may eventually open 12 more. GCSV is working with GEMA to help staff these reception centers with both GCSV staff and with teams of Georgia AmeriCorps members from our currently funded programs. The work at the Volunteer Reception Centers will be crucial in organizing long term recovery projects and channeling the efforts of the many Georgians who want to help.

Pending Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism is standing by and ready to assist as state emergency management crews assess the damage caused throughout Georgia.

ILLINOIS

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UPDATE Situation Update (As of Monday, May 9, 2011)

- Flooding in the Shawnee area continues. Many roads are closed, septic systems overwhelmed and wells contaminated. Potable water is being distributed. Many businesses are closed, including the RSVP program that serves the southern seven counties.
- RSVP volunteers are supporting IEMA's efforts to feed and shelter local residents.
- An RSVP volunteer from Freeport has accepted a two week assignment with the AL Red Cross and will operate the ERV.
- VISTA projects in southern Illinois are waiting to be asked to assist with flood relief efforts.

KENTUCKY

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Flooding

Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)

- 5 members serving as shelter managers in Radcliff, KY.

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- One member deployed on the Emergency Response Vehicle to Paducah, KY yesterday to provide damage assessment, bulk distribution, and feeding if necessary.
- One member, serving in the Prevent. Prepare. Respond. - American Red Cross-Louisville Chapter, deployed for Alabama yesterday in an Emergency Communication Response Vehicle (ECRV).

Homeland Security Corps (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District)

Members are volunteering for significant amounts of time at the local shelters. Members are assisting with shelters in Owensboro and Henderson. Shelters are still open and they are also responding to requests to assist with sand bagging in Daviess County. Members are providing courses on operating Red Cross shelters.

Senior Connections AmeriCorps Program (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District-GRADD)

Members assigned to senior centers continue to report to their service site and provide services that include telephone reassurance, friendly visits, transportations, chores and errands for their senior clients. Over the weekend members assisted with Shelters in Owensboro and Henderson. Shelters are still open and they are also responding to requests to assist with sand bagging in Daviess County.

Green River Area Development District (GRADD)

AmeriCorps members and GRADD staff are volunteering at shelters in Owensboro, Henderson, in Union County, and in Calhoon at the Senior Center. All shelters are still fully operational.

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Tornadoes-April 27, 2011

NEW NCCC Atlantic Region and Delmarva American Red Cross

Jackson, MS

Deployed: Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams of 20 members were deployed to help with Mass Care and Shelter Operations.

NEW NCCC Southern Region and City of Vicksburg

Vicksburg, MS

Deployed: May 9, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC Team of 7 members has been deployed to work on filling sandbags and doing other flood preparation in partnership with the City of Vicksburg.

NEW NCCC North Central Region and Catholic Charities

Monroe and Chickasaw Counties, MS

Okolona, MS

To Be Deployed: Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams of 20 members from the North Central Region will be deployed to Monroe and Chickasaw Counties in Mississippi to assist with debris removal and home repairs.

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Situation Update (as of 5/4/2011) from the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service

- nine local Volunteer Response Centers are currently coordinating volunteer activity in five Mississippi counties.
- The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) has initially documented 3,588 volunteers serving over 13,159 hours since Friday, and is awaiting additional reports of volunteer response activity from several other counties.
- MCVS is tracking community and faith-based organization donation of goods drop-points on our website, (<http://www.mcv.s.org>), and rapidly publishing information through Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/volunteeryall>) and Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/volunteeryall>).
- Volunteers from several National Service programs (funded by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service) are also working with local officials and faith-based and community organizations in affected areas of Mississippi.

MCVS, Mississippi Medical Reserve Corps VISTAs, University of Mississippi VISTAs
MCVS AmeriCorps VISTAs are managing the Volunteer Reception Center.

Mississippi Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP

Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are coordinating volunteers in Lafayette County, under the direction of the RSVP Program Director.

Mississippi Lauderdale County Senior Corps RSVP and United Way of East Mississippi, American Red Cross

Volunteers are answering phones at the United Way of East Mississippi. RSVPs are also assisting the Red Cross as volunteers at the Union Baptist Church south of Meridian.

Mississippi AmeriCorps State Members at Piney Woods School

April 30, 2011

AmeriCorps State members from Piney Woods School worked with The Radio People for 12 hours on Saturday, April 30th, loading an estimated 100,000 pounds of supplies, water, and food onto a truck headed to Smithville, which was delivered to the MCVS VRC.

Mississippi AmeriCorps State Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM)

Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM) are assisting their communities in the response.

NCCC Southern Region and NECHAMA

Smithville, MS

Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

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One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 8 members was deployed to Smithville, MS to conduct debris removal, volunteer coordination, and supply distribution with NECHAMA.

NCCC Southern Region and City of Vicksburg, MS Vicksburg, MS

Deployed: Wednesday, May 04, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 6 members was deployed to Vicksburg, MS to assist in sealing flood walls and other necessary flood preparation work.

NCCC Southern Region, NECHAMA, Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service Monroe County, Smithville, MS

Deployed: Sunday, May 1, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 9 members from the Southern Region began work Sunday with NECHAMA in Smithville (Monroe County), MS, conducting debris removal using chainsaws for homes affected by the April 27 tornado. They are also coordinating volunteers and distributing supplies.

Tornados-April 15, 2011

NCCC Southern Region

Hinds County, near Jackson, MS

Deployed: Saturday, April 30, 2011

An NCCC Team from the Southern Region campus of 7 members, currently working on a state park project in Tennessee, is being redeployed to Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS. Catholic Charities requested a team to conduct debris removal using chainsaws for homes affected by the April 15 tornado. Members will work at about 10 properties in Hinds County (Jackson area) that have not received assistance since the Clinton/Jackson tornado of April 15.

Completed NCCC Southern Region and the City of Vicksburg Vicksburg, MS

Deployed: Monday, May 02, 2011

One NCCC Support Team Leader from the Southern Region campus has been deployed to Vicksburg, MS to distribute information to residents in flood zones.

Completed NCCC Southern Region and American Red Cross of Jackson Vicksburg, MS

Deployed: May 5, 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC members have completed their deployment to the American Red Cross of Jackson to assist in opening an emergency shelter.

Completed Deployment Completed

<http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=14470615>

**NCCC Southern Region & Mississippi State Service Commission
Leakesville, MS**

Deployed Date: Sun April 17, 2011

A Southern Region NCCC Team is working in partnership with the Mississippi State Service Commission & the MS Emergency Management Agency in southeast MS near the Alabama

Corporation for National and Community Service Disaster Deployment Activity

border. A tornado struck Leaksville, MS, Friday afternoon, causing severe damage to at least 30 homes. The team is assisting authorities with debris removal and with managing a Volunteer Reception Center.

Completed Deployment Completed
NCCC Southern Region & Salvation Army
Clinton & Jackson Counties, Mississippi
Deployed Date: Sat April 16, 2011

One team of 6 NCCC members deployed to Clinton, Mississippi, (outside Jackson) to assist the Salvation Army in tornado-affected communities. The members are preparing and distributing food to emergency response workers and evacuation shelters. This response is within 24 hours after the tornado hit. This deployment with the Salvation Army builds on a set of pilot trainings the 160 member Southern Region NCCC campus received earlier this year from the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi Division of the Salvation Army's Southern Territory.

Completed Deployment Completed
NCCC Southern Region & The American Red Cross
Clinton, MS.
Deployed Date: Sun April 17, 2011

Several Southern Region NCCC members are assisting the American Red Cross in managing an emergency shelter at a YMCA in Clinton, MS.

Flooding

Completed Deployment Completed: 4/29/2011
NCCC Southern Region
Vicksburg, MS

- NCCC Southern Region deployed one NCCC team of 4 members to work with the city of Vicksburg Mississippi.
- The team was engaged in an outreach campaign focused on providing residents with information on the predicted flooding of the Mississippi River. The team targeted flood prone areas and distributed safety and evacuation information.
- The team assessed the number of residents in each home.

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Flooding and Tornadoes-April 22, 2011

UPDATE Situation Update (As of Friday, May 6, 2011)

- AmeriCorps St. Louis in cooperation with the Missouri Community Service Commission has key leadership responsibility within the State of Missouri Emergency Response Plan to provide management and coordination of volunteers and volunteer resources to assist during both the immediate response and recovery phases of a disaster event. AmeriCorps St. Louis is fully mobilized and providing support to meet challenges arising from both disaster events that have far exceeded local capacities

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- An operational base has been established the United Way of Greater St. Louis, to provide support for multi-agency coordination and collaboration, and to enable the use of 211 to intake needs from the disaster affected public and referral to helping resources.
- Base camp established in the Village of Riverview at the Lutheran Community Center to house and support responding out-of-state helping resources.
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- Two 11-person teams of NCCC Southwest Two 6-person teams from the State of Washington Conservation Corps. Southwest Airlines donated the airfare to enable these teams and their governor supported their deployment.
- Multiple Members from Grace Hill and the Riverways Project have also assisted in North St. Louis County
- Members from Poplar Bluff's Promise AmeriCorps program have provided direct assistance: assisting with sheltering displaced residents, in-taking and organizing requests for assistance, operating a local supply point of distribution, and supporting a multi-agency resource center to supply helpful information to the public.
- All of the above resources are being coordinated with several volunteer and faith-based groups including All Hands Volunteers, Missouri United Methodist Disaster Relief Team, Lutheran Disaster Response, NECHAMA Jewish Disaster Response and the Salvation Army. Many corporations have supplied organized groups of volunteers to assist.

Preliminary Needs

Northern St. Louis County: Approximately 750 homes requiring assistance with debris removal, emergency tarping, emergency roof or home repair.

Southern Part of the State: Approximately 500 homes and farms will require flood recovery assistance (this is a very preliminary number).

Progress To-Date

A unified task has been established to address homeowner needs arising from the tornado. National Service and partnering volunteer and faith-based groups are being dispatched to meet individual homeowner requests. Seniors, families with disabled members, uninsured and low-income households and other special needs situations are being prioritized. Approximately 376 individual homeowner requests have been received and 147 completed to-date.

A small support team has been operating in SE Missouri, coordinating with the National Guard, County Emergency Managers, and the Greater Ozarks Chapter of the American Red Cross to plan and prepare for recovery actions as soon as the water recedes.

UPDATE NCCC Southwest Region and AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps St. Louis, MO

Deployed: Monday, May 02, 2011

- Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams deployed to St. Louis to support the Missouri State Emergency Human Services and the AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps.
- NCCC members engaged in chainsaw work, emergency tarping, emergency home repair, debris removal and other housing stabilization services.
- coordinating and leading volunteers from the All Hands Network, as well as staffing the phones at the Volunteer Recruitment Center.

AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA members in Poplar Bluff, MO are currently working at the local coliseum, signing up and organizing volunteers to help at an evacuation shelter.

AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps

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AmeriCorps St. Louis Education Corps Grace Hill AmeriCorps Riverways and Poplar Bluff AmeriCorps Missouri-Statewide

- AmeriCorps St. Louis has currently mobilized all of its Safety Corps Members to provide direct emergency assistance to affected local government in both the northern and southern divisions of these ongoing disaster situations. Additional Members from the AmeriCorps St. Louis Education Corps, Grace Hill AmeriCorps, Riverways and Poplar Bluff AmeriCorps are directly assisting in this statewide effort.
- AmeriCorps St. Louis, within the state plan, has key responsibility within the donations/volunteer coordination annex for directing and coordinating the engagement of coordinated agency involvement, engagement of unaffiliated volunteers, and the effective utilization of donations.

Washington State Conservation Corps and AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps St. Louis, MO

Southwestern Airlines has donated 12 round trip tickets and the 12 members of the Washington State Conservation Corps will be coming to St. Louis to conduct debris removal.

AmeriCorps*National Preparedness and Response Corps (NPRC)

Members have deployed with the American Red Cross to support response efforts in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and North Carolina:

- Two members from the Grant Woods Area Chapter in Cedar Rapids, IA are performing client casework in Jackson, MS. One member from the American Red Cross in Greater New York Chapter in New York, NY is working as a Shelter Manager at a shelter in Fayetteville, NC.
- Four members from the Southeast Louisiana Chapter in New Orleans, LA are serving as caseworkers in two locations: two in Oklahoma, and two in Mississippi.

NORTH CAROLINA

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Tornados

Families Working to Recover from Tornadoes and Wildfires in North Carolina

The article below mentions NCCC as one of the organizations helping families recover from the tornadoes.

<http://www.redcross.org/portal/site/en/menuitem.1a019a978f421296e81ec89e43181aa0/?vgnnextoid=38da926d4ad7f210VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD>

Completed Deployment Completed: Thursday, April 28, 2011

Woodville, NC

NCCC & One Economy

Deployment Date: Wed, April 20, 2011

A Southern Region NCCC team arrived in Lewiston Woodville, NC, (Bertie County) on Wed. April 20, 2011. The NCCC team collaborated with One Economy in partnership with the Bertie County Family Resource Center. The team assisted with debris cleanup, donations sorting and distribution and other tasks as needed.

NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA

Flooding

Senior Corps / RSVP

National Service has been engaged in flooding preparation for the past four months throughout North and South Dakota. Impacted areas include the James River, Sioux River, Devils Lake, Red River, among others.

- Over 1,000 RSVP participants have engaged in organizing and registering volunteers for sandbagging efforts in North Dakota. In Fargo, over a million sandbags were prepared by March 1st.
- An RSVP Project in Bismarck is lead disaster coordinator for the town. An MOU is in place between the RSVP project and the town of Bismarck and a solid plan for mobilizing volunteers has been developed and activated.
- Lutheran Social Services of ND, a Senior Corps Project sponsor, has volunteers engaged in preparation and recovery efforts statewide.
- Northeast Human Service Center, Grand Forks is a Foster Grand Parent sponsor with volunteers engaged in Fargo.
- North Dakota State University, Fargo is an RSVP sponsor with volunteers in all communities along the Red River including Grand Forks. North Dakota State University is also the intermediary statewide VISTA sponsor with 7 members in Fargo/Grand Forks. VISTA's have been active in coordinating and building the capacity of the volunteer efforts in North and South Dakota.
- In Fargo AmeriCorps projects with the YMCA and Youth Works have engaged approximately 70 members in providing local assistance including sandbagging, providing food and water to volunteers and setting up shelters. AC*State programs in Fargo including Youthworks, YMCA of Cass & Clay Counties, Fraser LTD where 60-70 members are assisting. Grand Forks Housing Authority is also an AC*State grantee in Grand Forks, ND.
- The North Central Region NCCC Campus is on stand by for mucking and recovery projects in collaboration with Nechama.
- The Minnesota and North/south Dakota State Office Directors are on alert and ready to mobilize additional resources as needed and identified.

OHIO

Tornados and Severe Weather

Athens and Meigs, Counties, OH

COAD RSVP volunteers acted in a number of areas following the tornadoes and high winds that hit Athens and Meigs Counties:

- Monitored river levels and flooding threats, traveled roads to assess impact of the tornadoes
- Headed the family service work for the four counties covered by the Athens County Chapter. (Athens, Vinton, Gallia and Meigs)

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- Supervised feeding of all of those affected by a disaster, including 24-hour feeding in shelters.
- Handled amateur radio communication during tornado response and prepared to do the same in the flood threat.

Tuscarawas County, OH

HARCATUS RSVP volunteer compiled damaged assessment reports after personally interviewing affected residents.

OKLAHOMA

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Tornados

Senior Corps / RSVP Response

Tushka, OK.

- RSVP Volunteers supporting the Partners In Awareness program contacted 41 members living in the Ponca area checking on their welfare and provided needed assistance.
- Eight (8) RSVP volunteers drove to 19 member residences to assist with moving refrigerated foods to safe storage and to clear small debris from their properties.
- Three (3) RSVP volunteer couples purchased and delivered cases of bottled drinking water and cookies to industrial employees conducting salvage work.
- Approximately nineteen (19) RSVP volunteers from Ponca City, Blackwell, and Newkirk reported driving to the disaster zone, providing whatever minor assistance they could, which included volunteering with the local chapter of the American Red Cross to link 30 to 35 residents in need with appropriate resource organizations.
- One (1) RSVP volunteer helped with relocation of 5 resident families who were forced from their homes by the disaster.
- Another RSVP couple used their personally owned vehicle to transport two (2) senior residents to specialty care appointments in Oklahoma City and Tulsa the following week.

The RSVP Director of Coal County reports that RSVP volunteers are manning the Atoka Coal Community Food Store and are preparing and delivering meals.

TENNESSEE

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Tornados-April 27th

NEW Red Cross Rural Initiative

- The state-wide Red Cross Rural Initiative project has generated 91 VISTA-recruited Red Cross volunteers in the Bradley (Cleveland), McMinn, Meigs Polk County region.
- Volunteers have received Red Cross training and 22 of them were/are active as a result of the recent tornado activity.

NEW Tennessee Campus Compact VISTAs

Bradley County, TN

Two VISTAs, currently serving with the Tennessee Campus Compact, have been involved in recovery and one VISTA member was asked by local EMA to be the point of contact for the county.

NEW Alexian Brothers-RSVP

Chattanooga, TN

RSVP has several volunteers working in disaster response at the Salvation Army warehouse. The RSVP project is collecting non-perishable food, water, etc.

NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT

Cleveland, TN

Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 8 members will be deployed to Cleveland, TN, to conduct debris removal and supply distribution with CitiIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry.

NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT

Cleveland, TN

Deployed: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 8 members will be deployed to Cleveland, TN, to conduct debris removal with CitiIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry.

NCCC Southern Region and American Red Cross of Tennessee

Chattanooga, TN

Deployed Date: May 2, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team of 9 deployed to work in Chattanooga, TN in partnership with the American Red Cross of Tennessee. The team is working on shelter operations, mass care, feeding, and other necessary tasks.

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Tornados

Senior Corps / RSVP

New River Valley Area Agency on Aging

Friday, April 18, 2011

On Friday April 8, 2011 a tornado touched down in Pulaski, VA. The Governor declared a State of Emergency on April 17, 2011. There have been six confirmed (5 unconfirmed) fatalities and 36 injuries reported. Eight homes were damaged or destroyed, and local assessments are ongoing. Approximately 4,300 remain without power, and restoration is ongoing. The Surry Nuclear Power Station is operating on diesel generators due to an extended loss of offsite power, though there is no public threat associated with this occurrence.

- 215 members who average age is 72
- Organizing supply drives: personal hygiene kits, bedding, etc
- Donations management: sorting clothing and food donations, bagging pet food
- 6 RSVP's are working at the American Red Cross Command Center

Local officials are moving quickly from disaster response to the recovery phase. [FEMA](#) officials are assessing damaged areas and to date have determined destruction that 267 houses were

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damaged with the following breakdown: 31 destroyed, 25 with major damage, 52 with minor damage, and 159 that were affected.

The NCCC Southern region has been actively participating in local EOC recovery meetings and they have a minimum of two teams on standby for long-term recovery efforts. Additionally I have been in contact with Trish Redmond, President of VA VOAD and am waiting for information regarding Senior Corps response and recovery efforts.

NCCC Teams Remain on Standby

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Tornados

Completed *Deployment Completed: Thursday, April 28, 2011*

NCCC North Central Region & NECHAMA

Adams County, WI

Deployed Date: Sat April 16, 2011

The NCCC North Central Region located in Vinton, Iowa deployed a team of eight corps members to Adams County, Wisconsin in response to spring storms which generated a tornado. The NCCC team collaborated with and served alongside NECHAMA with brush and debris removal operations.

RESOURCES

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NEW Disaster Services Unit Website

The CNCS Disaster Services website is now live!

http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/disaster.asp

We will be posting updates and our latest disaster briefs on this website.

NEW Disaster Services Blog Posts

AmeriCorps NCCC Teams Bring Relief to Tornado Devastated Areas

http://www.serve.gov/stories_detail.asp?tbl_servestories_id=549

Volunteers Prove Essential to Disaster Response

http://www.serve.gov/stories_detail.asp?tbl_servestories_id=546

UPDATE National Service Disaster Services Coordination Calls

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The State Service Commission calls will now be held on a weekly basis until June. We have reorganized the calls so that they are grouped by region (aligned with NCCC Regions and CNCS State Service Offices)

The purpose of these calls is to coordinate national service efforts among the Commissions, State Offices, FEMA VALs, and

There will be three calls as listed below.

Southern Region Call AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, TN, VA

North Central Region Call IA, IL, IN, MN, ND, OH, SD

Southwest Region Call: AR, KS, MO, OK

State Service Commission Donation and Volunteer Coordination

For information on how to donate or where to sign up to volunteer in response to the recent natural disasters, please visit your State Service Commission's website. The following State Service Commissions are coordinating donations and volunteer opportunities in their states.

Alabama <http://www.servealabama.gov/2010/default.aspx>

Hands On Birmingham is another good resource for Birmingham, AL

<http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/>

Mississippi <http://www.mcv.s.org/>

Illinois <http://www2.illinois.gov/serve/Pages/default.aspx>

Iowa <http://www.volunteeriowa.org/>

Tennessee <http://www.volunteertennessee.net/>

Note: If your State Service Commission is coordinating donations or volunteers and we have inadvertently left your name off this list, please email dsu@cns.gov with the relevant information and we will update the list in the next brief.

Disaster Webinar Series

These webinars will begin May 12th in partnership with Catholic Charities and continue on through October with different themed sessions. For information on the webinars, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=2226>

Managing Disaster Volunteers Webinar: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 - 2-3 PM EDT

Join HandsOn Network and Catholic Charities USA to learn the current trends facing those who manage disaster volunteers. Our discussion will include an overview of tools and strategies for managing spontaneous volunteers as well as a look at broader trends affecting the sector.

Catholic Charities Webinar on New Madrid Seismic Zone, Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 3:00 PM

In the United States, all disaster eyes are on the New Madrid Seismic Zone. If your agency is in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi or Tennessee, you are part of the New Madrid Seismic Zone - an area that has the potential to wreak devastation given the many urban areas that could be impacted and the low level of preparation to-date. To follow up



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on the April 28th "Great Central U.S. Shake Out," CCUSA will present this how-to-prepare webinar. Learn what you can do to participate in local and federal preparations that could greatly reduce the loss of life and property in a future event.

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If you have information regarding CNCS disaster response efforts please send information to dsu@cns.gov.

About CNCS DSU

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) maintains a sustained commitment to disaster services through the Disaster Services Unit (DSU). The DSU is charged with coordinating the agency's activities (preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery) across departments and programs. The DSU has a strong focus on building external relationships with national, state, and local leaders from the non profit, government and private sectors that are critical to success in this field. The CNCS disaster services unit is housed within AmeriCorps NCCC but has agency-wide responsibility for coordination of CNCS disaster services activities.

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